

**KETTERING HOCKEY CLUB NEWSLETTER  
NOVEMBER 2017!**



A huge thank you to Steve Metcalfe and Ben Watts  
from

**MIDLAND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS**

for sponsoring our very successful

**Halloween Party**



It was fantastic to see so many children at the party and the costumes both young and old were unbelievable. A huge thank you to the organisers Kate and Telf and to everyone who went to so much trouble to get into the spirit of the evening. Barry Coe led the way apple bobbing with fabulous "half time" food thanks to Kate Randle yet again. With a free raffle for everyone who had bought their ticket in advance a great time was had by all.

Thanks to the very generous sponsorship from Steve Metcalfe which went towards cost of the food, raffle prizes and decorations etc. the evening raised a magnificent £170.00!

So any plumbing, heating or gas work you need, talk to Steve Metcalfe on 01536 725 335 Mobile 07867 781402 or e-mail [midlandmechanicaltd@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:midlandmechanicaltd@yahoo.co.uk) or visit the website:- [www.midland-mechanical.co.uk](http://www.midland-mechanical.co.uk) or Facebook: Midland Mechanical EngineersLtd/plumbing and Heating



## About Kettering Hockey Club

For those of you who don't already know, here is a little bit of background about your hockey club.

Our aim is to build on the 2012 Olympic legacy and the success of our GB hockey gold medal winning team at the Rio Games 2016. Everyone at KHC is exceptionally proud of the fact that one of our former junior players Anne Panter was in the England squad that won Olympic bronze in London 2012. She kindly presented the club with her GB playing shirt which is now proudly displayed on the wall in the clubhouse.



Anne with a few of our juniors (looking very very young!!!)

Hockey has been played in Kettering for over 115 years! The club in its current form was established in 2002 when the separate ladies and men's clubs amalgamated to form the existing Kettering Hockey Club.

KHC is a large part of a wider sports club called Kettering Sports Club which is a group of sports clubs including cricket, rifle shooting, archery, tennis and youth football. All of these sections share the clubhouse and the running of the clubhouse and grounds. A proportion of your annual subs goes to the main club for this reason and automatically makes you a member of all of these other clubs. If you are interested in trying out any of these sports contact KHC secretary Liz Metcalfe ([lizmetcalfe25@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizmetcalfe25@yahoo.co.uk)) who can put you in touch with the right people.

We now have in excess of 100 juniors at training sessions and run U8, U10 & U12 junior teams as well as organising numerous junior tournaments.

Our junior teams have done exceptionally well this year and our U10 and U12 boys and girls won the county tournament and went forward to represent Northamptonshire at the English Hockey regional finals in Nottingham.

We are a County Junior Development Centre and run junior county development courses at Kettering. This season 38 junior players gained county representation and 6 were selected to represent the Midlands. Congratulations to them.

We also cater for players at the other end of the age spectrum running an over 75 hockey tournament with players representing regions across the country. A number of our more mature players, both men and ladies, have represented England Masters at various age groups from 45+ to 75+. The European Championships in Glasgow being the latest venture for a number of our over 60's with our oldest player 80 years old. Congratulations to them too.

We are now one of the biggest clubs in the area running 4 ladies teams and 4 Men's teams, the number of men's teams having increased from 3 to 4 this season. We run a mixed team called Skymoos which was started by our very own club President Jean Smith and her husband Graham over 40 years ago.



Skymoos Isle of Man tour 1979 – recognise any faces??



We run Satellite clubs at various schools in the area to encourage children to take up the game of hockey. We run a very successful club at Bishop Stopford School as well as organising sessions at Isham, Park Junior, Moulton, Loddington and Brooke Weston.

To make all this possible, we have an amazing band of enthusiastic volunteers who coach, umpire, run the club and prepare KHC to continue long into the future. Kettering Hockey Club was the first Hockey Club in the County to achieve Clubmark Accreditation and we are proud of our excellent relationship with local schools. We have worked extremely hard this year to attract new members to the club and we have been very proud of the successes of our various teams and individuals. If you are interested in giving a little bit of your time to join this wonderful bunch of volunteers please contact Liz Metcalfe who will put you to work immediately!! 😊

### More Social Dates for your diary...

## 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party



A decorative border of orange pumpkins with carved faces surrounds the text.

## Socials in 2018

27<sup>th</sup> January – Quiz night  
24<sup>th</sup> February – Race night  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Pub Olympics  
14<sup>th</sup> April – Awards Evening Dinner Dance

### “EASYFUNDRAISING”

Every time you buy something from most of the UK’s best-known retailers, up to 15% from EVERY PURCHASE is donated by them back to the club.

If we all support the scheme we will raise LOADS of money and this season we are not only raising money for ourselves we are also giving a proportion of the amount raised to two local charities Wren Spinney School and Johnny’s Happy Place

**To make things a bit more spicy, the club has sponsored a prize of £50 to the team who raises the most money**

So, go online to Easy Fundraising and click on ‘find a cause to support’ find Kettering Hockey Club and register yourself. Here is the leader board so far.... (not that we’re competitive...)

### Top 5 Supporters

1. Kirsty S.	£14.75
2. Liz M.	£9.68
3. Jaime C.	£7.94
4. Amy M.	£7.89
5. Claudia R.	£3.95



## Kettering Hockey Club

### PRE CHRISTMAS CLEAR OUT

I'm sure most of you have loads of unused and unloved items at home and there is a box in the clubhouse for all your unwanted goods.

We are looking for:-

- 1 CD'S, DVD'S, BLU-RAYS AND GAMES
- 2 TEXTBOOKS
- 3 IPHONE, BLACKBERRY, SAMSUNG, SAMSUNG GALAXY, HTC, LG, NOKIA, SONY ERICSSON, GOOGLEPIXEL, & THE PHONE HUB
- 4 APPLE GOODS, KINDLETABLET, SMARTWATCH, LAPTOP AND CONSOLES.

Any items donated will be sold to Music Magpie to raise funds for our club and our two chosen charities

### More Sponsorship Opportunities...

If you would like to get your business advertised to our club members and beyond, please contact Fundraising Secretary Jan Randle [jan\\_randle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jan_randle@yahoo.co.uk) for more details. No sponsorship offer is too small... or too big!! Each social event so far has been sponsored to the tune of £100. Is this something you could do????



## What can we do for you?

- Daily Website updates to over 230 members and former players
- On our website home page
- On our Facebook page with 340 followers
- In a week our combined posts usually reach over 2000
- On our Twitter account with over 350 followers
- On advertising in our Clubhouse
- On a match day pitch side advertising banner.
- Your sponsor's logo on a set of junior team shirts
- Weekly match reports and photos in local press

## Sponsorship deals...

**Annual - Platinum £1000**  
e.g. Sponsor a set of junior team shirts

**One Month - Platinum £250**  
e.g. Sponsor a premium event, such as the Annual Dinner Dance

**Annual - Gold £500**  
e.g. Sponsor equipment such as Junior GK kit or Bibs/Balls etc

**One Month - Gold £100**  
e.g. Sponsor a Social Event - we run monthly events in our clubhouse

**Annual - Silver £300**  
e.g. Sponsor a teams after Match Teas for the Season

**One Month - Silver £50**  
e.g. Sponsor the Raffle prizes for an event

**But we are open to offers!!**





## KHC Website

All our results, match reports and vital information regarding club events are posted on Pitchero, find us at:

**[www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk)**

There are also many fabulous pictures taken by Amy during matches and at Social events

**Don't miss out!!**

Please join in so you are kept up to date with all our activities and if you have any difficulty logging in please have a chat to Barry Coe

## Safeguarding

Just a reminder to all coaches and volunteers (and all club members for that matter) that Club Policies regarding child and adult safeguarding and safe practice can be found on the website:- [www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk)

All the available documents are on the club Website under:-

- Information (on top bar)
- Documents
- England Hockey Policies adopted by Kettering Hockey Club and BSS Safety Procedures

As the Club is now integrating young players in all teams it is good practice to know what our current policies are.





## **Club welfare officer**

To parents: If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation in hockey, please contact the club Welfare Officer who is responsible for dealing with concerns and working with England Hockey's Safeguarding team for those of a more serious nature. All concerns will be taken seriously and treated in the strictest confidence.

**Don't keep it to yourself!**

**KHC's Welfare Officer is Nigel Parkes**

**Contact him at [nigelparkes@yahoo.com](mailto:nigelparkes@yahoo.com)**

### **FITNESS SESSIONS**

I'm sure most of you have your own fitness regimes running to help you keep up with the rigours of the new season but if you haven't come and join us on Monday evenings at Bishop Stopford School.

Ricky runs a great fitness session totally relevant to playing the game of hockey and it is also good fun.

**Mondays Bishop Stopford School Gym  
7pm – 8pm £2 per session.**

Come and give it a go and please feel free to bring friends, partners, children, parents etc.

Open to all and you can drop in and out of the sessions depending on how you feel



## KETTERING HOCKEY CLUB PLAYING KIT

Just a quick reminder that all orders for kit are now being dealt with via our on-line shopping store **Silverfx**. They have very strict order deadlines and approximate delivery dates which are as follows

<b>Order deadline</b>	<b>delivery by</b>
31.10.2017	17.12.2017
12.12.2017	23.01.2018
12.01.2018	23.02.2018
12.02.2018	23.03.2018

Silverfx apologise for the delay on the 25<sup>th</sup> October delivery date which will be approx. 2 weeks late.

Members have been asking about numbers on shirts. Silverfx have a master list of our numbers and will allocate the next lowest number to players when shirts are ordered. Names can be out on shirts but will cost extra

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS – now overdue !!

It's that time of year, annual subs are due and need to be paid by EVERYONE. These subscriptions make you a member of Kettering Hockey Club and allow you to play in leagues. They also enable you to become a member of the larger Kettering Sports Club (of which Kettering Hockey Club is a section) which also incorporates Cricket, Rifle, Archery, Tennis and Hawks youth football. Contact KHC Secretary Liz Metcalfe for more information on how to access these sports [lizmetcalfe25@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizmetcalfe25@yahoo.co.uk)

ADULTS	<b>£100.00</b>
YEAR 9+ AND CONCESSIONS (concessions = senior citizens O65, Full time Education, Unemployed & Apprenticeships)	<b>£45.00</b>
YEAR 8 & BELOW	<b>£35.00</b>
FAMILY DISCOUNT	contact Tom Sellers
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	Speak to Tom Sellers in complete confidence

**Online payment:** KHC Sort Code 30-94-68, Account number 00006190  
**Reference:** Your full name + Annual Subs

OR...

**Set up standing order for Payment over 4 or 5 months, no more**

# TEAM NEWS

Full details can be found on [www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk](http://www.ketteringhockeyclub.co.uk)

	Played	Points	Position
Kettering Ladies 1's	7	13	4/10
<b>Kettering Ladies 2's</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1/10</b>
Kettering Ladies 3's	6	7	7/10
Kettering Ladies 4's	4	3	5/6
Kettering Men 1's	7	15	4/12
<b>Kettering Men 2's</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1/12</b>
Kettering Men 3's	5	13	2/10
Kettering Men 4's	5	0	10/10

## What is your club doing for you...

The running of the club has been restructured this season and now the Executive Committee oversees 3 sub committees:

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| - President                     | Jean Smith       |
| - Chairman                      | Jaime Cox        |
| - Vice Chairman                 | Barry Coe        |
| - Secretary                     | Liz Metcalfe     |
| - Treasurer                     | Tom Sellers      |
| - Junior Academy chairman       | Mark Hawkins     |
| - Senior Performance chairwoman | Claudia Ringrose |
| - Operations chairwoman         | Amy March        |

In addition to those on the Exec committee there are many other people who work tirelessly to make all this happen. Many thanks to **everyone** who is involved.

This season, so far, your club volunteer officers have....

- Nominated and attended Kettering Sports Awards
- Created a system of proposal forms for new ideas or funding



- Facilitated captains and coaches meetings
- Organised all the social events and fundraisers
- Organised HockeyFest, Back to Hockey and junior summer camps
- Facilitated the club move to Bishop Stopford School
- Run an umpires course
- Ensured transparency by putting all Exec Committee meeting minutes on the website
- Regular club newsletters
- Ensured a ongoing stable financial base
- Organised charity fundraising to support local causes as well as our own club
- Working on a club development plan for the next 5 years
- Working on a club business plan for the next 5 years
- Devised a selection policy
- Working on reaccreditation of Clubmark
- Adopted England Hockey Policies including safeguarding
- Meetings with England Hockey representatives
- Devised a sponsorship plan
- Agreed funding for various projects (website domain name, umpire developers, safeguarding courses, awards dinner etc.)

